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The Columbian Call

WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY 1, 1898.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE LIFE AND WORK OF PRESIDENT WHITMAN.

At the repeated request of many of our readers we present a brief biography of our accomplished and distinguished President. In doing so we have had many difficulties to overcome. Dr. Whitman's modesty prevented our getting the facts for an article of any length from headquarters, and so we have had to ransack the columns of various publications for material. The article is in itself imperfect and incomplete in that the half has not been told.

Rev. Beniah Longley Whitman, A. M., D. D., was born in Wilmot, Nova Scotia, Nov. 21, 1862. He began to teach school when but fifteen years of age, and taught for a year and a half, during which time his parents moved to Marlboro, Mass. He joined them in 1879, then aged seventeen years, and entered Worcester Academy to fit himself for college.

He next took the four years course of study at Brown University. At an early age he displayed remarkable mental powers. At Brown he usually carried off first honors, securing many valuable prizes and making a most brilliant, and enviable record. Having

decided to devote his life to the ministry he entered the Newton Theological Institute. Was graduated from the latter institution in 1890. During the same year he accepted a call to the pastorate of the Free Street Baptist Church, in Portland, Me.

While a student at Brown he began to preach for a church in Providence, at the beginning of his sophomore year, and continued to do so until he graduated. He preached

every Sunday for three years and also under-took all pastoral duties, so that at any time he was likely to be called away from his studies to officiate at some occasion connected with the church. However he made a practice of preparing his lessons in advance, and President Andrews has said that he was never unprepared for recitation but once. While pastor of the Free Street Baptist Church he won many friends and did much to increase the membership and efficiency of the working force of his church. It was a great surprise to the good people of Maine when they learned

that their popular young preacher had been chosen as the successor of Dr. Small, as president of Colby University.

The attendance of students at Colby was small and the new president began to lecture on the advantages of the university throughout Maine. The result of this wise course



REV. B. L. WHITMAN, A. M., D. D.

was soon apparent in an increased number of matriculations. Dr. Whitman paid particular attention to improving the university, and in behalf of progress he made radical changes in the courses, heightening the curriculum and improving the faculty. The scientific department was much improved by the addition of the Shannon observatory and laboratory.

He was elected to the presidency of Columbian on the 17th of June, 1895, and was formally inaugurated on Nov. 15, following. The ceremony was noteworthy for many reasons, but principally because of the vast concourse of people who were gathered together from all sections to honor Columbian and its new president, and because of the high character of the addresses delivered. The address of the President, "The Mission of Culture," was as it has been described, "a masterly treatment of a great theme."

His has been a life of work, of marvelous attainment, yet he is still in the prime of his manhood and what may we not expect from him?

Dr. Whitman, though regarded as one of foremost men in the educational world and a powerful as well as an eloquent speaker is still a most liberal minded man. He wears a courtly and dignified manner, and commands the respect and admiration of all who know him, but withal he is among the most approachable of men, a kind friend and an able adviser.

His work as the head of Columbian speaks for itself. He has revolutionized the work in the several departments and as a result of his untiring efforts Columbian now stands in the front ranks of the nation's great co-educational institutions.

As a public speaker he has won a world wide reputation. His power is the wonder of all who have heard him. His peculiarly sweet voice, charming presence and magnetic influence gives him without any apparent effort the ability to hold his audience spell bound for hours.

He stands before us a type of perfect manhood. With all his accomplishments and honors that have been heaped upon him he is still a man among men. As such we admire, revere, love and respect him, and those of us who are privileged to know him cherish his friendship and esteem it an honor to be associated with him—acquaintance and personal contact tend but to increase our regard for him.

He has recently gone to Chicago to make an address before the Chicago Baptist Social Union. Will visit several points of interest and will probably not return to Washington before the last of the present week.

I. Q. H. A.

ELECTION AND ENTERTAINMENT OF COLUMBIAN CORCORAN SOCIETY.

The Columbian Corcoran Society met on Saturday evening, Jan 29th. The election of officers for the ensuing year occupied the greater part of the evening. President Underwood called the meeting to order. After an amendment to the constitution was presented and adopted, they proceeded to ballot for officers. Mr. Z. Lewis Dalby was elected president; Miss Margaret J. Merillat, vice-president; Mr. Harry Farmer, secretary; Miss Fanny M. Allen, treasurer. Miss L. B. Holbrook, Miss Gertrude E. Upton and Miss Emma P. Healt were unanimously elected members of the executive committee. The new president immediately took the chair, and a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. L. D. Underwood, the retiring president, for his faithful, efficient services during his term of office.

After the business meeting the following numbers, under the direction of the program committee, Miss Jennie Ottenberg, Miss Harriet A. Fellows and Mr. William E. Hillyer, were given: Stella waltz, by the Delta Musical Club; recitation, "Picture of Nell," Mr. M. Kahn; solo, Mr. Wolf; music, Delta Musical Club; and geographical contest, participated in by all present. The prize for the best guesser in the geographical contest was awarded to Mr. Harry O. Cutting. At the close of the entertainment a vote of thanks was tendered to Miss May Duffy, Miss Anna Duffy, Miss Letitia Duffy, Miss Lizzie Dolan, Mr. John Downey, members of the Delta Musical Club, and to Mr. M. Kuhn and Mr. Wolf for the pleasure they had given the society. The evening passed very pleasantly. These fortnightly meetings of the society are becoming a prominent feature of our school life and tend to make our University work more pleasant and enjoyable.

Course in French Conversation.

M. Jules Maillet, will conduct a four months' course in French conversation, beginning February first.

This course has been arranged for the benefit of students desiring more conversation than can be included in the required work of French, I and II. It is open, without extra fee, to all students in the Department of Romance Languages, of the Corcoran Scientific School, and to such other students of the school who have matriculated in three or more departments. Hours: Tuesday, 8 to 9 p. m. Friday, 7 to 8 p. m. Subject to change after the organization of the class.

THE LAWYER'S GHOST STORY.

BY M. M. RAMSEY.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.)

"The opening of my career as a lawyer in New York was attended with many mistakes and consequent failures. Perhaps the greatest mistake was that of establishing myself independently, instead of beginning as the assistant of some lawyer of established reputation. I had imagined that the prominence that I had attained in my class would enable me to take an equally prominent place among the younger lawyers of New York; but I was doomed to disappointment. No clients were willing to entrust matters of importance to a young man who had had no experience. How a person was to obtain this necessary experience without being given a chance to practice, was no concern of theirs.

"I did not despair, as I knew that others had succeeded under like circumstances—others had managed in some way to make a first start—and I was convinced that my turn would come eventually. Meanwhile I obtained a few small cases of assault, collection of bad debts, abatement of nuisances, and the like, and spent my abundant leisure time in widening and deepening my knowledge of the mysteries of the law, and rendered myself oblivious to my sorrows by diligent reading of reports of Supreme Court decisions. I would not tell my parents how straitened were my circumstances, for my father had done all he could in sending me to college, and he had the futures of four other children to attend to. As for my poor dear mother if she had known of my lack of success, she would have gone without warm clothing to help me along.

"I had few acquaintances, and rather avoided the society of these, since I could not meet them on an equal footing—another mistake, for had I been more sociable, I should have gained influential friends sooner, and should have become better known, all of which would have added to my chances of success.

"The earliest as well as the most congenial of my friends was a Mrs. Penfield, who had known my father in former days, and took a kindly interest in me. She was a widow, with a comfortable income left her by her husband, and her entire time was devoted to the education of her only daughter, Josie, at that time a slender girl of fourteen. She was a woman of natural ability and of literary and artistic tastes, and her home was to me a subject of continual admiration. An old fashioned, rather plain house, as viewed from the street, its interior seemed to my provincial eyes a veritable paradise of mortal comfort; and the

evening gatherings of congenial spirits that occasionally took place there were characterized by a mutual good fellowship and bohemian informality which made me feel that in this one place, at least, my lack of money and position were not considered to my detriment.

"It was on the occasion of the celebration of Josie's fifteenth birthday, in November, 1876, that I first met Louise Atherton. I had gone there expecting to see only Mrs. Penfield and a company of boys and girls of Josie's age. I found, however, quite a number of persons of maturer years. I was much entertained by the conversation of an elderly gentleman, Potter by name, who had been a celebrated artist and was at that time a leading art critic; and I was soon drawn into a discussion with him, and found myself expressing my ideas in a manner in which Chitty would have approved and which Mr. Potter was unable to contest. Suddenly he arose saying: 'Oh! here's Lou,' and grasped the hand of a laughing, rosy young person, muffled in furs and followed by an elderly lady whose sharp nose and snappy eyes were alone visible between the tails of an immense boa. 'Lou,' said Mr. Potter, 'let me make you acquainted with Mr. Stans—field?—no,—Stansbury, who entertains certain advanced ideas on art which accord singularly with your own. Mr. Stansbury, Miss Atherton and Mrs. Reynolds.' And as I bowed low in response, Mrs. Penfield led the new comers away to remove their wraps. Miss Atherton soon returned and joined our group, and fortuitously Mrs. Reynolds was monopolized by Mrs. Penfield, but I could catch the occasional scrutinizing glance which she shot across the room at her niece, and my sympathy immediately went out towards the young girl who was subjected to such surveillance. In some unaccountable way Miss Atherton and I drifted away from the others in our conversation, and soon the rest were talking about other matters and Miss Atherton and I were looking over some Art books which lay upon a little table near the Argand lamp, and I was feeling unprecedented happiness in listening to her bright remarks. She had supposed from the words of Mr. Potter's introduction that I was an artist, and was much disappointed to learn from me that I was a lawyer. Still she was somewhat reconciled when she found that my father was the Stansbury who had painted a little landscape which hung in her sitting room and which she prized highly, and said that I might be an artist, even if I did not make pictures. She was an amateur, she said; and she was certainly an enthusiastic one. But Mrs. Reynolds' hawk's eye had seen our *tete-a-tete*, and she

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As the examination time approaches we hear much discussion of the proposed joint commencement. Perhaps the greater part of the students look upon the change with disfavor. Some have shown a disposition to rebel against the powers that be, and denounce the movement as unjust, unwise and directly contrary to the rights and wishes of the graduating students. Others look upon it as something which cannot be cured and therefore must be endured. We cannot say that it has our entire approval, in fact we would much prefer to retain our individuality, but we are disposed to look at the matter, so far as possible, from an unselfish standpoint. We would appreciate the privileges which our predecessors enjoyed—really we have looked forward to the pomp and ceremony of our individual commencement with many pleasant imaginations, but after all receiving our degrees is the important part of the exercises, at least to us. Therefore, as students of the University, we

lay aside with the best grace possible our departmental prejudices, personal wishes and various other things and declare if a joint commencement will be conducive to the well-being of the University we will endure it.

Much shot and shell appears to have been wasted on that peculiar body known as the College. Even their editor seems to have entered the field and is booming away at them. Meanwhile everything seems quiet and serene in the College camp, as though nothing had occurred to disturb their peaceful slumbers. We look forward with pleasant anticipation to the time when they may stand before us as types of Columbian manhood and womanhood of which we may be justly proud. Personally we have no ill feeling toward them, on the contrary we admire and appreciate their many virtues, and regret exceedingly that circumstances over which the present generation may have had no control, has caused them to be known as the "swell heads" of the University. The CALL, as the University organ, is the supposed representative of the College, as it is of the other departments. The mere fact that the College does not give it the support it should does not change its character in the least. It is still the Columbian CALL and the representative of the University and the student body throughout the length and breadth of our land. As such it will continue to represent them as their contributions permit, whether they are numbered among its subscribers or not.

At the suggestion of several of our readers we have decided to change the style of numbering the pages of the CALL. Commencing with this issue we shall number them according to the regular magazine style.

The next issue of the CALL will appear on Tuesday, February 15. For self protection we announce this rule: All copy must be in the hands of the editor at least two days before the date of publication. To be more emphatic, nothing will be received for publication in the next issue after 9 a. m. of the 12th inst.

NOTES.

By a recent action of the trustees, Princeton Inn has been closed for the sale of liquors, and the rule prohibiting students from having in their rooms spirituous or other fermented liquors will be rigidly enforced.

President Harper, of Chicago University, in his recent quarterly address, made the following surprising statement: "Of the five deaths in the University during five years, three have been caused by starvation.

The first modern medical school was at Salerno in the eighth century.

Collegiate degrees were first conferred by the University of Paris in 1140.

There are 369,634 teachers in the United States.

This country has 52 law schools with 345 teachers and 3,906 students.

The United States has 115 medical schools—regular, eclectic and homœopathic.

There are in German universities 2,000 foreign students, of whom 400 hundred are Americans, a larger representation than from any other country.

Steps have been taken by the trustees of Columbia University toward stopping the great number of absences among the faculty, at commencement exercises.

Of 451 colleges in the United States 41 are closed to women. However, there are 143 schools of high learning open to women only, which have 30,000 students. Thus 143 institutions are closed to men and 41 to women.

Princeton's new catalogue shows an enrollment of 1065 with a senior class of 360.

W. E. B. DuBoise, a colored man, has been appointed professor of economics and history in Atlantia University, an institution for advanced education of men of his race. He is a graduate of Harvard, and from that institution received the degree of Ph. D. He spent two years studying in Germany, and is an author of many papers dealing with the race question.

For the first time in the history of the university, a woman, Miss Abigail Laughlin, law '98, took part in the '94 memorial debate held at Cornell recently.

The law course at Syracuse University has recently been extended to three years.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22, 1897.

Whereas, By the decree of an inscrutable providence, the life of our beloved brother in Phi Delta Phi, George R. Blodgett, has been brought to a sudden and untimely end, while defending his home and family, who thereby showed his devotion to those nearest and dearest to him; and

Whereas, By his death, his family, his fraternity and his country have sustained an irreparable loss;

Be it Resolved, By Marshall Chapter of the Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi, that we do hereby tender to the family of our dear departed brother our sincerest sympathy and condolence in their sudden and sad bereavement;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his family, and a copy published in the COLUMBIAN CALL.

GUY ELLIOTT DAVIS,
W. F. MATTINGLY, JR.

E. EVERETT DENISON,
Committee.

A COLUMBIAN LAD'S EFFUSION ON
PARTING WITH HIS CHLOE.

Farewell, farewell, my dearest, to thee,
Your remarkably sweet face,
And superlative grace
I never again may see.

You will miss me, perhaps, a little while,
And then you will forget.
Other lovers your time will beguile,
And praise your locks of jet.

But as the sun his constant rays
Upon the earth lets fall,
So will I, in my devious ways,
Be constant to thee above all.

For tho' beautiful girls with golden curls
May besiege me all around,
They'll ne'er sever my heart from the heart
To which my heart is bound.

Your holy reference beyond yourself,
My vision of heaven exalts.
I do not love you for your pelf,
But for your soul, so free from faults.

Ah! When I am far away,
Where Potomac breezes blow,
Do not cease to think of me
Who loves you blindly, darling Chloe.

VICTIM.

Treasurer Woodward and family sailed Jan. 27, for Europe, to be absent several months. Charles W. Needham Esq., has been named as acting treasurer during his absence.

University Notes.

SCIENTIFIC.

At this closing of the first term's work, many of the Professors are startling their classes with the cry, "The examinations are upon you," and some of the students, like Samson of old with his shorn locks, are too weak to participate in the conflict. We have always had our doubts about the propriety and usefulness of the examination. A record of daily work seems to us to be the fairest method of grading the students. There are some students punctual in attendance and faithful in daily work, who never make good marks in the annual and semi-annual examinations; and again there are others who are tardy, play hookey, and are careless in their work, and yet by systematic boning a few days before the examinations, pass in good papers. The fear of an approaching examination haunts some students months beforehand and they do not study with that freedom which should characterize their work. We are glad to note that some of our professors take this wise view of the matter.

Friction seems to be the order of the day, and the sparks emitted by the rubbing of those two "delectrics," the Chief Ed. and the College Ed., have set us on fire. Like the soldier's war horse, we pant for the fray and would hurl ourselves into the midst of it. Complaint has reached this editor's ears, that he has been dilatory in furnishing news of his department. He answers with this query: Why do you not hand him items of news that you wish published? Again, be it known that the Editor-in-Chief has seen fit to cut down some articles and cut out others entirely, because of lack of room. The poor fellow is between two mill stones, and will be rounded out in fine shape before his term of office expires. In this connection it is interesting to recall the remark of a tow-headed limb of the law to one of our fair cheeked damsels, that the law students were running the CALL, and he did not see what right the insignificant Scientific School had to take up so much space from week to week.

While we are on this question of lawyers, let us unburden our minds on one or two points. The average youth on entering the junior class is soon obliged to purchase a larger sized hat, but by the time he leaves the Post Graduate class his headgear is of smaller size than when he entered. These same youths are the ones who flock out of their hall and stand in mobs on the stairs and in the

hallway, smoking and guffawing and making it almost impossible for our young ladies to pass through. They are the same ones who see how much noise they can make in the hallway while we are having our semi-monthly entertainments in the Post Graduate Hall, and we have no doubt they comprised the gang who invaded the hall one night in December, and hissed and made ungentlemanly remarks while the entertainment was in progress. But we are of a forgiving disposition, and we say, "live and learn," for the milk-sop period passes away with age.

Dr. Schoenfeld was stastled the other evening in his German II class by the apparent fact that this was a Godless class. He asked Senator Pasco who the son of Isai was, and neither he nor any other member of the class could answer. After drawing a strong comparison between the Biblefest in skeptic Germany and Bible knowledge in orthodox America, he let drop the information that Isai translated was none other than Jesse, and so peace was restored, and Dr. Schoenfeld was speedily assured that the members of German II were "up" on the Bible.

Dr. Merrill treated his class in Geology to a very entertaining lecture on the Limestone Caves of the United States, on Friday evening, Jan. 22. The very excellent stereopticon of the school was brought into use, and about one hundred views were thrown on the screen. The class were highly pleased with the lecture and appreciated the efforts of the professor to make his course interesting as well as profitable.

MEDICAL.

There is a dearth of news in the Medical Department just now; everything is progressing with an even smoothness and regularity, productive of nothing especially startling or interesting. By this time, each student has fitted himself as comfortably as possible into the grooved path of the year's study, has discovered and applied the best methods of lubricating said pathway, and is busily engaged in storing up sufficient energy and momentum to carry him safely over the up-grade of the final examinations; much to his gratification, and perhaps somewhat to his surprise, he has found that the remarks made by Dr. King, in his introductory address of a year ago, have been fully verified, and that the vast army of brain cells, unruly and rebellious after a summer's relaxation, have been reduced by constant drill and practice to a more perfect state of discipline and effectiveness, and that with

this body of faithful retainers he can storm, with comparative ease, the gloomy and formidable fortresses garrisoned by hordes of proximate principles and carbon compounds.

During the present session, our school has been unfortunate in having an unusual number of both faculty and students absent on account of illness. Since the holidays, Dr. Prentiss has been seriously ill, and Dr. Morgan has been conducting the classes in *Materia Medica*; Mr. Lockwood, of the fourth year class, is absent, his duties at Garfield Hospital being assumed by Mr. Keyser; Mr. Ward, of the third year, has just returned, after a three weeks' illness; Mr. Prentiss, of the third year, has been absent since the holidays.

The fourth year class is making arrangements for a banquet, to be given soon. It is to be hoped that the idea will be carried out successfully, as everything pertaining to better acquaintance and class spirit has long been below par in our school. As a matter of fact, in the past, about the only time in its college career a class met in a purely social way, was at the class banquet held on the night of graduation. It is no doubt true that, in other departments of the University, the conditions of student life are more favorable to the cultivation of class spirit and good fellowship, but this difference should not be an insurmountable obstacle. It is admitted that "class spirit and good fellowship" are terms which are often sadly abused and that, like many other really good things, may be pushed to harmful excess. Properly cultivated, however, they would tend to increase our interest and pride, not only in our own class and in our own department, but also in the other departments and the University as a whole, surely a state of affairs devoutly to be wished.

LAW.

One of the most noticeable features of the Law School is its great number of societies of all descriptions, including fraternal, social, debating, musical and theatrical organizations. The students in the Law Department have, in a great measure, that fraternizing tendency that is found at Princeton, Yale, and some of the other large colleges. We have in the school three known college fraternities of a secret nature—Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, and Phi Delta Phi; two debating societies—the Law School Debating Society proper, and the Hamiltonian Debating Society; a Vaudeville Club; a Glee Club; a Mandolin, Banjo and Guitar Club; and last, but not least, a Virginian Club. Most of these societies have been sustained for a number of years and all

are in prospering condition. Next to obtaining the coveted I.L. B. and I.L. M., the thing most longed for in the hearts of most of the boys while in the school, is to be enrolled as member of a good "frat," as it stamps them as being both strong and popular in the eyes of all "cannibals."

Professor Johnson. "What is a merger?"

Student (suddenly weak at the knees). "Why, that is where one estate swallows up another."

Professor Johnson. Which estate 'swallows up' the other?"

Student (at the instance of a stage whisper). "The large one."

Professor Johnson. "Why does the larger one 'swallow up' the smaller one?"

Student (suddenly inspired). "Because the small one can't swallow the large one."

Attention of those who are members of the class in patent law is called to the fact that Mr. Woodbie Sport, of the senior class, wears a pair of patent leather shoes with the patent on them expired.

COLLEGE.

What a week it has been! We who have suffered know the horror of two hour's scratching against time. The period of qualms, however, is nearing an end. When this delightful state of things have come to pass, we will console ourselves by beginning to prepare for "finals."

There seems to be a great deal of commotion in some of the departments of the University, over the proposed joint commencement. The College editor has not canvassed to ascertain the opinion of the individual students of his department, but he is sure they will take a sensible view of the matter. This movement is a part of the general movement for the unification of the University. Yet there are many students who have been heard howling about lack of spirit, who are now decrying against an influence which will tend to draw the student body closer together. Again, the average department will get much better exercises for its money, than if they attempt to manage their respective commencements. After all, what have the students a right to say on the question? Who is supposed to run our institution, the trustees or a few turbulent students? Further these gentlemen are under no contract to give the students a commencement such as the latter desire. They propose only, in their catalogue to give, for a certain sum of money, a course of study and for an additional fee a diploma. They do not

stipulate flowers, decorations, hall and speakers, but according to custom they extend these courtesies. Finally it is simple folly to go so far as to hold an indignation meeting which threatens all sorts of direful things (as it is rumored a certain class intends to do) or even to make objection against a decree irrevocably made by a body, which could not be gotten together until the latter part of next June. So let us at least bow to the inevitable, even if we cannot fall in with the movement for unification.

From all sides come complaints of the college spirit. Not altogether a lack of the same, but the wrong sort. As a member of this department, the editor regrets this. Like his fellow students, he feels somewhat resentful when listening to some of the stories which are told. But after all, looking the matter square in the face, are these complaints well founded? Is it a fact that there are some students in the College who think they are better off socially or otherwise than some others, and therefore will not mingle with this "ordinary class?" Can it be possible (as it is reported), that the project of organizing a bicycle club could have been overthrown because of such a spirit? Can it be possible that an hundred and one other stories such as this are true? This seems by multitudinous report to be the reputation of the College. If, as students of this department, we do not believe these stories, our address is in acting in such a manner as to overthrow any such reports. The editor wishes to put the matter plainly and squarely before the students, that they may read, digest, judge, and act for themselves.

It is understood, too, that some of the Freshmen have expressed very strongly an antipathy for the CALL. We wish to inform these specimens of newness that they are not supposed to have any opinion, especially about something concerning which they know nothing. (This does not mean that they know very much about anything else.) Doubtless the growlers have never seen the paper, but are building upon malicious reports handed down from some few of the upper class men who have shown their lack of college spirit by abusing that which it was, and is, in their power to better.

FREE LECTURES.

The Dean of the Scientific School has arranged for a very interesting course of lectures on Map Reading, to be given in the Chemical Lecture Hall, by Josiah Pierce, Jr., M. A. A loan collection of Foreign and American Maps will be on exhibition during the course, and

all who are interested in this work are cordially invited to be present. The following are subjects of the lectures: Feb. 12, The Value of Maps; Feb. 19, The Geometry of Maps; Feb. 26, Scales of Publication; Mar. 5, The Representation of Relief on Maps; Mar. 12, The Use of Contours. Mr. Pierce is Assistant Professor of Applied Geometry in the Corcoran Scientific School. He has done special work for the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and for the past three years has been assistant engineer in the Topographical work which was done in the City of Baltimore. He is, without doubt, the authority in the United States on the theory of Map Making.

VIRGINIA CLUB.

The Virginia Club held a special meeting in the University hall last Wednesday night, for the purpose of electing a president. This action was made necessary by the departure of Mr. J. C. Dabney, the former president, from this city. Mr. Dabney has been appointed Government Seed Inspector, and is now stationed in Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Fred. Chaillie Handy was, by the unanimous vote, chosen to succeed Mr. Dabney, as president. Mr. Handy was vice-president of the club last year, and the first of the present school year was elected historian. The club is prosperous, and under the able leadership of Mr. Handy will rise to still greater success.

The second smoker and banquet will be held at the Oxford Hotel on Friday, February 4th.

THE ORANGE AND THE BLUE.

[Tune of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."]

Let musty law thy glories prate,
Columbian!

Or medicine extol thy state,
Columbian!

A greater child thy wide fame sings,
When Science fair her off'ring brings.
As one in thee they march beneath
The Orange and the Blue.

Here's to thy colors fair and free,
Columbian!

Our guidons they shall ever be,
Columbian!

Thy bonny flag, that flings on high
Its radiance caught from sun and sky,
And binds our hopes and hearts within
Its orange and its blue.

O, Alma Mater, great and strong,
Columbian!

To thee our praise, our songs belong,
Columbian!

Thy standard is toward heaven unfurled,
Before thy progress lies the world,
With shining laurels waiting for
The orange and the blue.

—MISS PRATT.

A CORCORAN IDYL.

[Dedicated to Dr. Fireman, by one who was there.]



Once upon a time Prince Heat liberated the Sleeping Beauty, Miss Sulphur, from an iron grasp and saw that she was furnished with suitable refreshment from Nature's great pantry—the atmosphere.



Snap Shot of Miss Sulphur.



HE dawns upon the waiting world as Miss Sulphurous Oxide (SO_2) and falls in with a distant relative who has turned over a new leaf. This is Nitrogen Peroxide, the brother of that irrepressible child, formerly called Laughing Gas; the Minnehaha of the elements. He introduces our

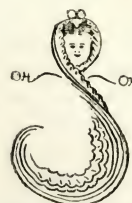


heroine to the Air (heir) of all the ages. Miss Sulphurous Oxide is greatly invigorated; in fact is a changed creature, calls herself Sulphuric and has her business cards engraved SO_3

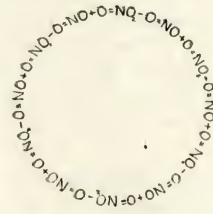


She makes the acquaintance of young Mr.

Hydrogen Oxide (H_2O). Upward and onward is now the watchword! They are mutually pleased, form a partnership and become an agent of civilization, the use of which, a distinguished scientist calls an index of the commercial prosperity of a nation.

 H_2SO_4

Composite photograph of the partners, made expressly for this work.



A merry-go-round.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION.

The third international convention of the student volunteer movement will be held Feb. 23-27, 1898, at Cleveland. It is the policy of the movement to hold a convention within each student generation, or once every three or four years. The first one was held at Cleveland in 1891, and was attended by 680 delegates, representing nearly all parts of the world's field. The second was at Detroit in 1894, with over 1,300 delegates, and the third the convention of the British movement at Liverpool, in 1896, was the largest student gathering ever held in Europe.

The convent on of 1898 has been invited to Cleveland by the Young Men's Christian Association of that city, and entertainment will be provided for 1,500 delegates.

The personnel of the convention will consist of students from institutions of higher learning, professors, representatives of all foreign mission boards of North America, foreign missionaries, state and international secretaries of the Young Men's and Young Woman's Christian Association, delegates from the Student Volunteer Missionary Union of Great Britain, national and state leaders of the great movements among the young people in the evangelical churches.—*The University Tribune*.

THE LAWYER'S GHOST STORY.

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stalked across to us and said in a harsh voice, 'Louise! I wish you would come and describe the water-will which we saw while driving last week.' And Miss Atherton arose hastily with a demure 'Yes'm' to her and an apologetic glance to me, and I had no opportunity to speak to her again that evening.

"The party broke up at an early hour, and Mrs. Reynolds and her niece were among the first departures. I had lost interest in the company and soon took my leave. I felt an unwarranted compassion for Miss Atherton, and longed to have an opportunity to tell her of my sympathy for her under the oppression of her aunt, (which would certainly have been considered a piece of impertinence on my part.) In fact I was in love.

"I took the earliest opportunity of calling upon Mrs. Penfield and soon turned the conversation upon the subject of my thoughts. She related substantially what I have told you concerning the Atherton family, and, probably divining the cause of my interest, informed me that Louise was forced to lead a secluded life unfitted to her age, that she seldom went out unaccompanied by her aunt, and that her amusements were restricted to reading and painting. 'Aunt Isabelle,' she said, with pardonable disregard for her personal pronouns; 'has got control of Louise's fortune, and as the fortune follows Louise, she does all she can to prevent anybody from spiriting her away from her.' I learned, further, that Miss Atherton took lessons in painting, Mrs. Penfield did not know where, but she said she had heard Louise speak of being a frequent visitor at the Academy of Designs, corner of 23d Street and 4th Avenue.

"For the next fortnight my reports of decisions were neglected in favor of pictures in the Academy of Design. Ten days did I spend weary and anxious hours wandering through its rooms, but failed to see the object of my search. On my eleventh visit, the 20th of December, my eyes instantly recognized her as I entered the second room, and by some strange influence she turned and saw me before I had advanced ten steps. I passed the most delightful hour I had ever known. She told me that she had heard a good deal about me the afternoon before, when she had called upon Mrs. Penfield. (I wondered if the good woman had sent her to the Academy!) She told me about her books and her pictures; and said she had sadly neglected the Academy gallery lately, and must really come oftener. I told her I had made up for her past neglect, as I had been there ten times in two weeks,

at which statement she blushed very pink right to the tips of her ears, and changed the subject by saying that she and her aunt had been out making Christmas purchases, and that Aunt Isabelle had left her there to look at the pictures, and would call for her in the carriage at half past four. It was then twenty minutes past, and as from what I had learned regarding Mrs. Reynolds I did not imagine it would be conducive to Miss Atherton's peace of mind for her aunt to arrive while I was present, I decided to depart.

(TO BE CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT.)

THE FIEND.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.)

"Let her come," they cried, and the hose swelled as the water was turned on again.

"Hold her! she's about to get loose," cried one, as the nozzle end began to jump around from the increasing pressure.

It wriggled like a snake and pulled the men with it.

Now we were doing some good; big black clouds of smoke arose from the holes that Yancy chopped, and we walked over further and further until the rear wall was gained.

Now, just back of this row of small brick stores was the City "Calaboose," where "seven catch eleven," and sometimes more "niggers," were kept, and where, also, might be found at any time during the day and night a varied assortment of "drunks."

This structure seemed a mass of flame, yet only one corner had fallen in—the corner next the store.

We turned, or rather they turned—for "me and Uncle Bob" suggested and bossed—their attention to the burning Calaboose, back of which we could see in the open lot a horror-stricken crowd of negroes and a few white faces.

The other stream of water did good work on the store, and in the excitement around the Calaboose it was forgotten.

Here and there the water was hurled upon the fire, and flame after flame hissed like a serpent and went out, sending a volume of black smoke and vapor upward, that rolled over us and choked us, yet we held our ground. We had been there before.

Darker and darker it became as we put the fire out, and I could see over the front walls that the crowd, no longer interested, was dispersing. Man after man at the hose slunk away in his wetness and sleepiness. I hardly blame them, as all had to work next day.

The faithful few remained, and after almost

every spark had faded, "me and Uncle Bob" took a lantern and inspected the scene of our battle.

We entered the store through the doorway, now battered in. All was wasted. Second-hand furniture on every side burnt and charred. In the rear, the floors were burned through and all was ashes. The ceiling hung as if undecided if it would fall or not. All the casings to the windows were burned out, carrying with them the bars that were intended to keep out burglars. Through these windows we looked directly into the rear of the Calaboose, and as Uncle Bob held the lantern high, so that I might see, a sight met my eyes that I shall never forget.

There in the corner of the cell was crouched the body of a man burned to a crisp, the long finger bones fleshless and features roasted, the eyes standing out like knots. It was a horrible sight, and "me and Uncle Bob" fell back agast.

Police came in and out and inspected all. Stories were bandied back and forth. All the prisoners but this one were saved, and he, in order to escape, had tried to burn his way out of the wooden structure.

A fiend incarnate, to risk the lives of others in order that he might escape. A fitting tribute to the honor, intelligence and humanity of the race of "Rastus."

It was time for me to go home. I turned to go and Uncle Bob and all the police force began to ha! ha! with all their might.

"Johnnie, I'd turn my pants round before morning, if I were you," said Uncle Bob, "you can't tell whether you're going to school or coming back."

ZELA.

STUDENTS AT INFORMAL DINNER.

The first informal dinner of the class of 1898, Medical Department of the Columbian University, was given at the Portner Flats, Saturday evening, January 22. The banquet room and table were tastefully decorated with flowers and the college colors. Instrumental and vocal music and stories of college life served to make the evening pass pleasantly, and the class look upon their first informal dinner as a splendid success. Those present were: Messrs. F. D. Hester, C. A. Clemons, T. P. Chapman, G. K. Baier, Dr. Iarek, Dr. Andrew Stewart, Dr. E. L. Tompkins, R. F. Yarbrough, G. Worstell, J. M. Tracey, H. A. Sellhausen, W. E. Simms, T. B. Snoddy, H. W. Smith, G. Hamilton Schwinn, W. Rives, F. H. Mohart, C. S. Keyser, A. B. Herold, P. L. Gunkel, H. H. Graham, W. N. Fisher and Thomas Dowling, Jr.

MR. ALEXANDER AN INVENTOR.

An American claimant, J. P. Alexander, of the Corcoran Scientific School, has evidence which entitles him to all American patents on the vacuum trap attachment for rendering cannon and firearms soundless. Colonel Humbert, of the French army, is according to the *New York Journal*, of Dec. 5, given credit for an invention almost identical. With the drawings and other evidence, however, in the possession of Mr. Alexander, he is entitled to the American patents.

Mr. Frankland Jannus, of the Havermeyer Building, New York, has in preparation Mr. Alexander's application for patents on a Vibrating Windmill, a principle entirely new in a thousand years of windmill building.

Recently Mr. Alexander has received an order for two of his Automatic Electric Switches, for trial by one of the largest electric companies in the city.

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The selection of the cast for this production is to be made by the Messrs. Harris, from among the members of the Vaudeville Club, and as there are some seventy-five or more places to be filled, the gentlemen of the University can easily see it is to their interest to enroll themselves as members at once.

As the opera is to be put on not later than March 7th, there is not much time to be lost, and rehearsals will begin at once. Four consecutive performances are to be given at one of the Washington theaters.

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